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JERUSALEM FOR CONGEN AND USDEL

FOR AMBASSADOR PARKER FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: LE PBOR SY IS PLO
SUBJECT: THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 0368

1. AS USUAL, I AM IMPRESSED BY THE ACUITY OF YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON (REFTEL). I AM WITH YOU, MORE OR LESS, ALL THE WAY TO PARAGRAPH 7. THE MERITS OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION IN PARAS 7 & 8 FROM THE BEIRUT VANTAGE POINT ARE CLEAR TO ME. BUT I MUST ALERT YOU THAT ANY EFFORTS BY SARKIS (OR ANY ONE ELSE) TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH MAJOR HADDAD FOR THE LEBANESE ARMY TO TAKE OVER CONTROL OF MARJAYUM WITHOUT FIRST DOING A LOT OF ADVANCE SPADE WORK WITH THE ISRAELIS WILL TAKE US STRAIGHT DOWN A VERY DANGEROUS PATH HERE.

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2. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU HOLD OFF ANY DISCUSSION WITH BOUTROS ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL THIS WEEKEND WHEN YOU, ROY AND I CAN EXAMINE THE PROS AND CONS OF SUCH AN APPROACH.
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